



# **Agriculture Committee**

## **Action Packet**

**September 14, 2005**

**2pm - 4pm**

**214 The Capitol**

## COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

### Agriculture Committee

9/14/2005 2:00:00PM

Location: 214 Capitol

#### Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Ralph Poppell (Chair)	X		
Bruce Antone			X
Edward Bullard	X		
Larry Cretul	X		
Denise Grimsley	X		
Paige Kreegel	X		
Sheri McInvale	X		
David Rivera	X		
Dwight Stansel	X		
Baxter Troutman	X		
Shelley Vana	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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#### **Other Business Appearance:**

Citrus Canker

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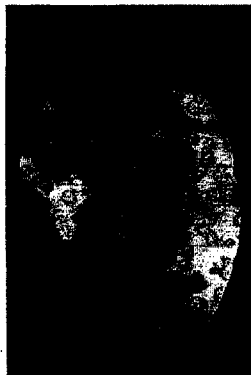
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**Summary:** No Bills Considered

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# Presentation on citrus canker and the status of the Citrus Canker Eradication Program Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services



**Citrus Canker Symptoms**  
Leaf, Fruit and Twig

## Citrus Canker

The Asian strain of bacterial citrus canker is a serious disease of most commercial citrus varieties and some citrus relatives. It causes necrotic lesions on leaves, stems and fruits. Severe infestation can cause defoliation, badly blemished fruit, premature fruit drop, twig dieback and general tree decline. Destruction of infected material is the only way to successfully eradicate citrus canker.

**SYMPTOMS:** On leaves — look for tan to brown lesions, a water-soaked margin, and a chlorotic halo. The center of the lesion becomes raised and corky. Defoliation will occur over time. On twigs and fruit — look for raised corky lesions surrounded by an oily or water-soaked margin. Fruit lesions may have a chlorotic halo.

**CAUTIONS:** Citrus canker bacteria are easily spread by contaminated equipment, hands, movement of infected or exposed citrus material and wind-driven rain. Proper decontamination of vehicles, equipment, clothes and hands is critically important. Several products are available to destroy the bacteria, including antiseptic hand soaps, and quaternary ammonium chloride products for vehicles and equipment.

### **CITRUS MATERIAL MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE QUARANTINE AREA**

If you suspect that citrus canker is on your trees, please contact:

Citrus Canker Eradication Program  
Avon Park Office: (863) 314-5900

Winter Haven Statewide  
Survey Office: (800) 282-5153

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